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## Region III/Division of Medicaid and Children's Health Operations

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Cynthia B. Jones, Director Department of Medical Assistance Services 600 East Broad Street, Suite 1300 Richmond, VA 23219

Dear Ms. Jones:

We have reviewed State Plan Amendment (SPA) 13-01, Physician Primary Care Rate Increase in which you propose to make increase payments for Medicaid primary care services furnished by eligible physicians in calendar years 2013 and 2014.

As we are working in partnership to implement this important provision, we would greatly appreciate if you can inform us when your State begins to pay the increased rates to your providers. Additionally, to the extent you have information regarding the number of providers receiving the enhanced payments, we would appreciate that information as well.

This SPA is acceptable. Therefore, we are approving SPA 13-01 with an effective date of January 1, 2013. Enclosed are the approved SPA pages and signed CMS-179 form.

If you have further questions about this SPA, please contact Margaret Kosherzenko of my staff at 215-861-4288.

Sincerely

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Associate Regional Administrator

**Enclosures**